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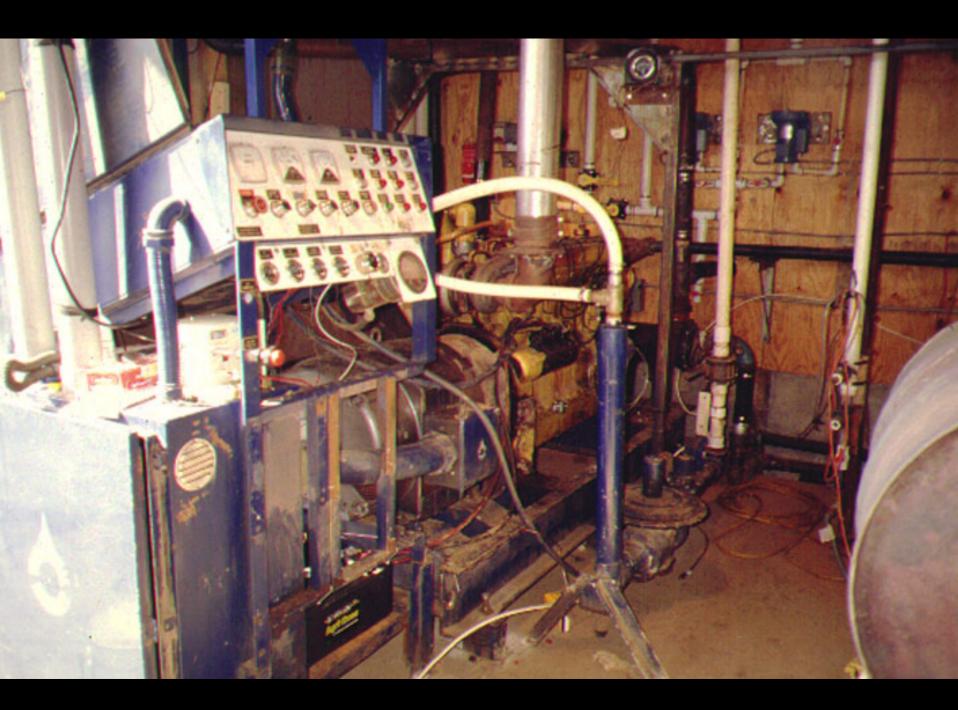


Table 4. Estimated net income or loss for the five digester systems.

		Farm					
		AA	DDI	NH	ML	FA	
Number of Cows			850	1,100	740	100	
Capital Costs	\$38/0		000	1,100	7 40	100	
Digester Set	ΨΟΟ/		*440.000*4	\$339.400	\$298,149	\$80,183	
Separator Set			00	\$61,000		\$44,013	
Gas Utilization Equipment		C 22	00		\$130,431	\$13,135	
		-φ22	cow ¹⁰				
Total Capital Cost			\ <u>\</u>	*	\$490,269	\$137,331	
Total Capital Cost Per Cow		\$606			\$663	\$1,373	
Annual Projected Capital Cost		\$25,468	-\$24/	cow	\$49,016	\$13,396	
Annual Projected Capital Cost Per Cow		\$51		,		\$134	
Total Estimated Annual Cost*1 Total Estimated Annual Cost Per Cow*1		\$37,540 \$75	\$79,317 \$93	\$293	3/cow	\$21,497 \$215	
Total Estimated Annual Reve	nues	\$56,445	\$60,400* ³	\$77,680	\$2	100/	
Total Estimated Annual Revenues Per Cow		\$113	\$71* ³	\$71	-\$1	106/co	
Total Estimated Annual Cost or Benefit*1 *2		\$18,906	-\$18,917 * ² * ³	-\$26,280* ²	\$2		
Total Estimated Annual Benefit Per Cow*1 *2		\$38	-\$22* ² * ³	-\$24* ²	\$293	-\$106* ²	

Does not include system electrical use.

Source: Wright and Gooch, 2004

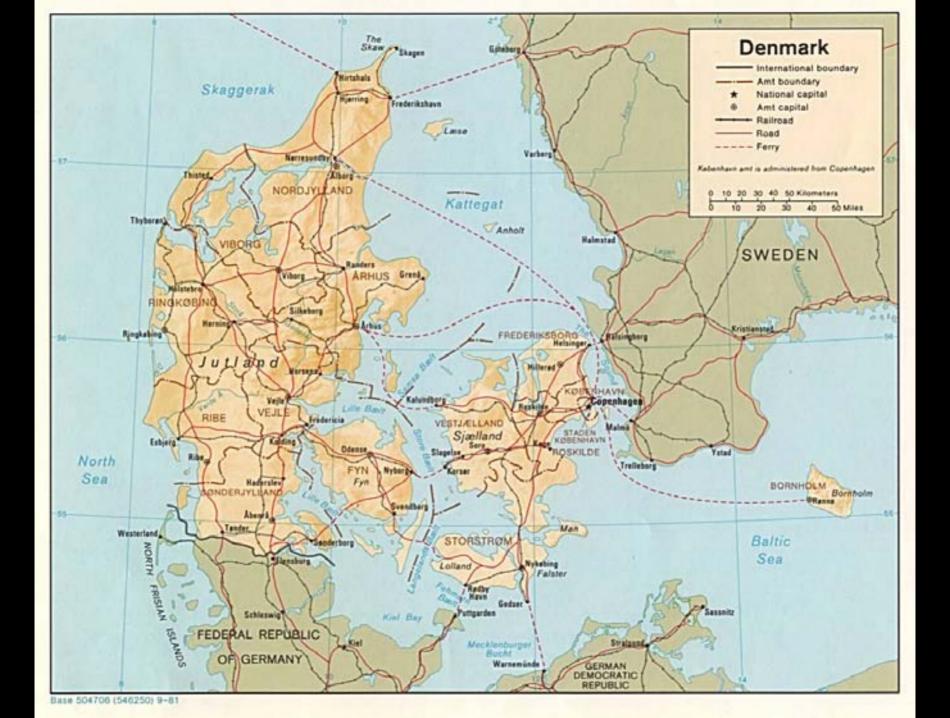
^{*2} Negative numbers mean the farm incurs a net loss from the digester system.

^{*} The electrical savings for DDI assumes the price of electricity is 10 cents/ Kw. This farm actually incurs a lower cost due to a specific business initiative. Since this is not typical of most dairy farms, the higher price is used.

^{*4} This cost assumes the microturbines were purchased new.







Denmark Legislation

- 1. 9-month manure storage period required
- 2. 40 percent of a storage's capital cost covered by the government if the farmer supplies manure to biogas plant.
- 3. Restrictions on the amount of manure land applied farms cooperating with biogas plants only get back the amount of manure they can legally apply.

Denmark Legislation (con't)

- 4. Organic waste cannot be land filled.
- 5. Organic waste incinerated is taxed, but exempt if recycled (includes AD).
- 6. Power companies must purchase electricity
- 7. Government provides 0.27 DKK per KWh

Denmark Legislation (con't)

- 7. Government provided 20 to 40 percent investment grants for biogas plants.
- 8. Low interest loans for plants that collaborated with district heating.
- 9. Biogas and heat from biogas plants is exempt from energy taxes.



Centralized AD plants in **Denmark**

First: 1984

Last: 1998

- = Existing
- = Planned



Source: K.Hjort-Gregersen, 2006









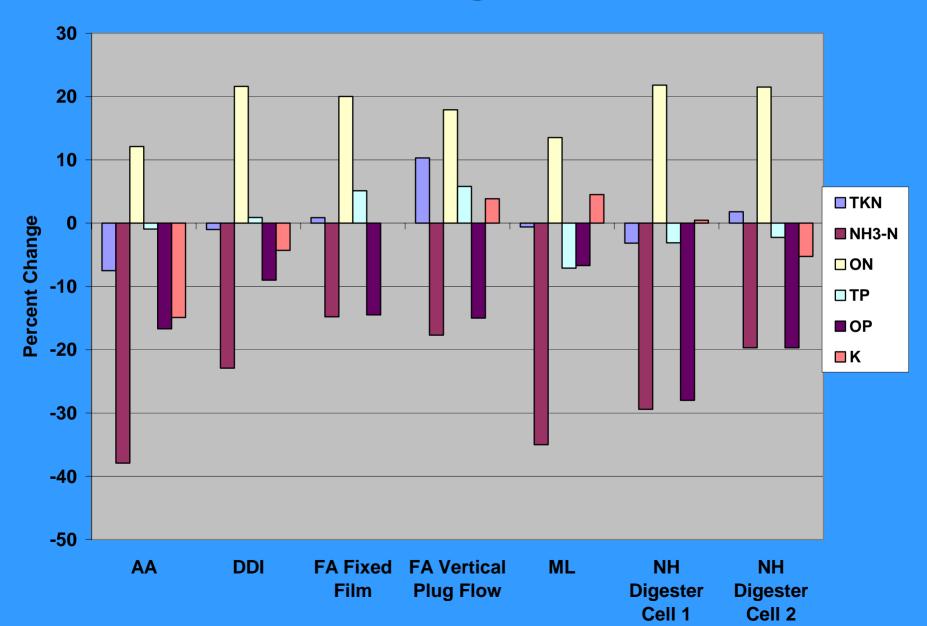








Percent Change: Nutrients









Denmark Centralized Digesters Ownership

No. of Plants

Farmer Owned Co-operatives	9
Farmer and Consumer Owned	5
Municipalities	3
Private Foundations	2
Limited Company	1

Source: Danish BioEngineering, 2005

Denmark Centralized Digesters¹

	<u>Least</u>	Greatest
Capacity (m ³)	750	9,200
Manure received (m ³)	658	16,006
Substrate received (m ³)	236	3,947
Theoretical HRT (days)	10	41
Biogas Production (m ³)	40,000	639,514
Biogas per Biomass (m³/m³)	25.8	105.6
Electrical Power (kWh)	227,940	1,380,210

¹For September, 2005

Source: Danish BioEngineering, 2005

Denmark Centralized Digesters Revenue

Revenue

Tipping Fees: 1/3

Electricity Sales: 1/3

Heat Sales: 1/3

Denmark Centralized Digesters Economics

No. of Plants

Acceptable 5

Balance 5

Under Pressure 3

Unsatisfactory 4

Source: Hjort-Gregersen, 1999

Potential Health Concerns

1. Bacteria

Pasteurization: 70C for one hour

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4. Others

Pasteurization Equivalent

Temperature (C)	MGRT in a Thermophilic Tank (hrs.)
52	10
53.5	8
55	6

Source: Danish Ministry of Environment and Energy, 2000

Pasteurization Equivalent

Temp. (C)	MGRT by Treatment in a Separate Sanitation Tank (hrs.)		
	Before or After Thermophilic Digestion	Before or After Mesophilic Digestion	
55	5.5	7.5	
60	2.5	3.5	

Source: Danish Ministry of Environment and Energy, 2000



























Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Biological Reduction

 $H_2S + 0.5 O_2 \rightarrow S + H_2O$ (Partial Oxidation)

 $H_2S + 2O_2 + 2OH \rightarrow SO_4 + 2H_2O$ (Total Oxidation)

Thiobacillus sp.



































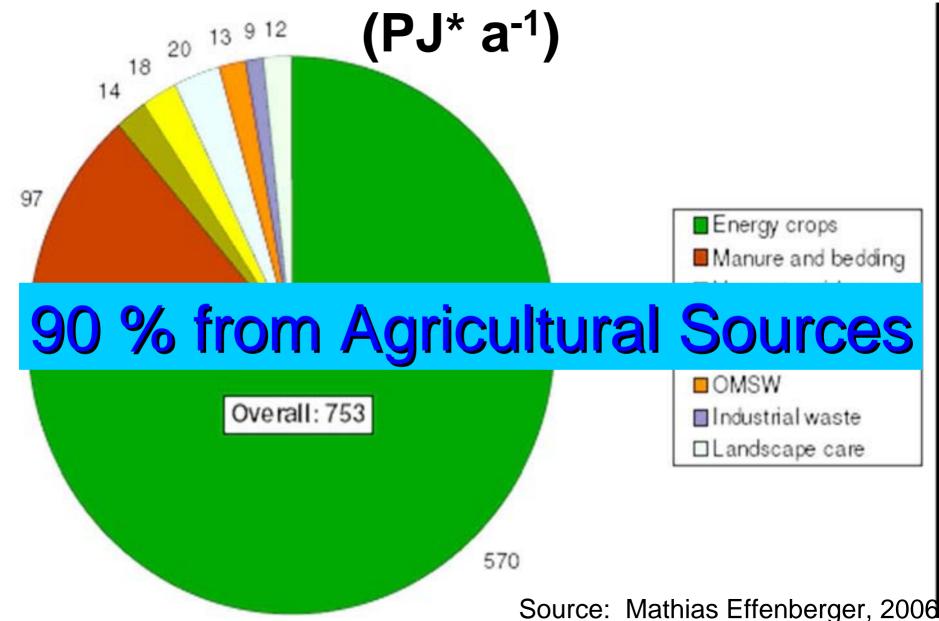




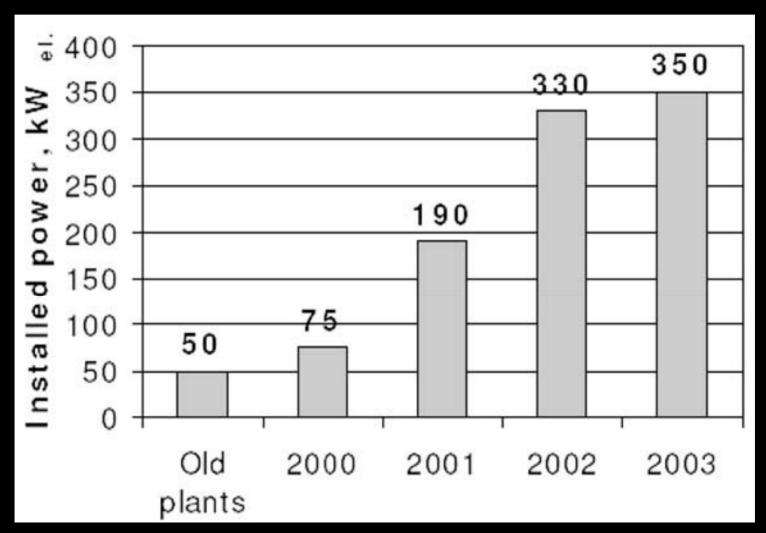




Technically Usable Energy Potential

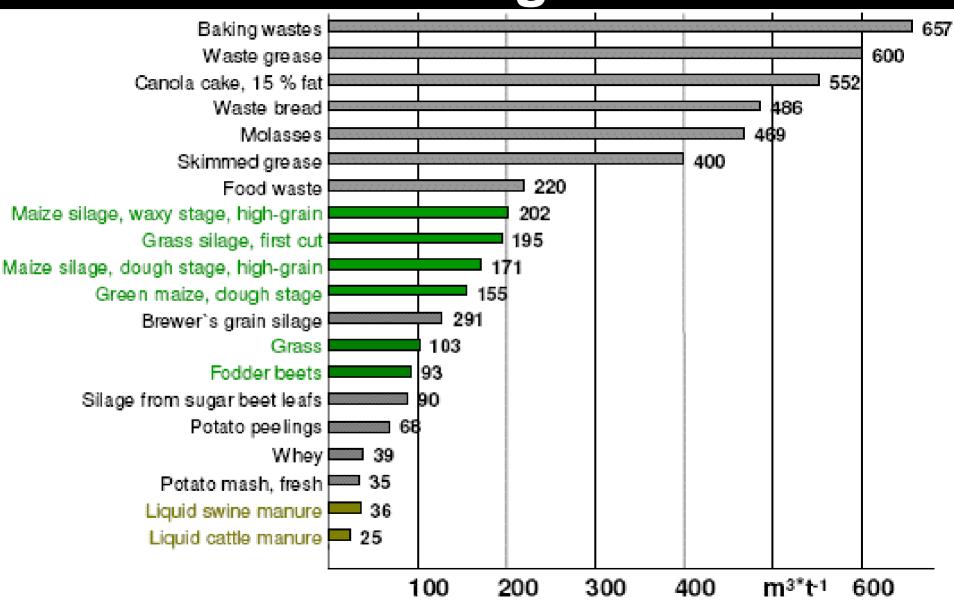


Average Size of New Biogas Plants in Germany





Potential Biogas Yields



Source: Mathias Effenberger, 2006

Electrical Energy Surplus Projections ML

